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SUBJECT: PARAGUAY ON REQUEST FOR RESETTLEMENT ASSISTANCE OF
CERTAIN DETAINEES FROM GUANTANAMO

REF: STATE 183800

Classified By: PolOff Mark Stamilio, reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

1. (U) On 10/14, PolOff delivered reftel talking points to MFA North America Desk Officer Luis Sosa. Sosa advised that he would forward the points to MFA Americas Director Cynthia Filartiga and MFA Bilateral Affairs Director Ambassador Ceferino Valdez.

2. (C) According to Sosa, there is no known Uighur community in Paraguay. He added "off the record" that "all Mainland Chinese nationals residing in Paraguay entered the country illegally." Paraguay does not maintain diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China (PRC), and PRC nationals are subject to special visa procedures similar to those the USG has in place for Cuban nationals. Sosa opined that the difficulty inherent in granting visas to PRC nationals would complicate any desire by the GOP to assist with the resettlement of Uighurs detained at Guantanamo.

3. (C) Post will advise septel if the GOP expresses any interest in assisting.
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